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PROPOSED CLAIMS
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Preview of incoming message in response to user selection of icon

21. (Currently Amended) A method for providing notifications of new events on a display of a wireless communication device ~~having a small display, the wireless communication device having a graphical user interface 'GUI' displayed on the display, the GUI having a main screen comprising an application portion for displaying icons for respective applications for execution on the wireless communication device,~~ the method comprising:

providing on the display a graphical user interface 'GUI' comprising the main screen and ~~in the application portion~~ a plurality of application icons, each icon representing an application at ~~the wireless device and each being~~ invokable to launch its ~~respective~~ a corresponding application; and

in response to a new event in respect of one of the applications, visually modifying the respective application icon ~~in the application portion of the main screen~~ to notify of the new event;

in response to a user selection of the respective application icon, displaying a first preview of a content of the new event in association with the selected application icon; ~~the first preview not being displayed prior to the user selection;~~

~~wherein~~ the application icons are being maintained on the main screen continuously; and

~~wherein~~ the first preview ~~persists~~ persisting on the main screen when a subsequent second preview is displayed, in response to a subsequent user selection, for a subsequent event.

Counter with number of correspondents (instead of raw number of messages)

52. (New) A method for providing notifications of new messages on a wireless communication device, comprising:

displaying a plurality of icons on a graphical user interface of the wireless communication device, the plurality of icons including an icon relating to electronic messaging; receiving a plurality of electronic messages on the wireless communication device, the plurality of electronic messages including messages from a plurality of different messaging correspondents; and

in response to receiving the plurality of electronic messages, visually modifying the displayed icon relating to electronic messaging to include a count of the plurality of different messaging correspondents for which one or more of the electronic messages have been received but remain unread.

53. (New) The method of claim 52, further comprising:

in response to receiving the plurality of electronic messages, visually modifying one or more of the plurality of icons to include a count of the plurality of electronic messages, the count indicating a number of the plurality of electronic messages that have been received but remain unread.

54. (New) The method of claim 52, the plurality of icons including a plurality of application icons that are selectable to execute respective ones of a plurality of applications on the wireless communication device.

55. (New) The method of claim 54, the icon relating to electronic messaging being selectable to execute an electronic messaging application.

56. (New) A method for providing notifications of new messages on a wireless communication device, comprising:

displaying a graphical image on a graphical user interface of the wireless communication device, the graphical image relating to an electronic messaging application that is executable by the wireless communication device;

receiving a plurality of electronic messages on the wireless communication device, the plurality of electronic messages including messages from a plurality of different messaging correspondents; and

in response to receiving the plurality of electronic messages, visually modifying the displayed graphical image to include a count of the plurality of different messaging correspondents for which one or more of the electronic messages have been received but remain unread.

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Notification of correspondent state change

60. (New) A method for providing notifications on a wireless communication device, comprising:

displaying a plurality of icons on a graphical user interface of the wireless communication device, the plurality of icons including at least one icon relating to an electronic messaging application executable to enable messaging between the wireless communication device and at least one other device configured to execute the electronic messaging application;

receiving event information indicating a change in state of at least one user of the electronic messaging application executed by at least one other communication device; and

in response to receiving the event information indicating a change in state of the at least one user, visually modifying the displayed icon relating to electronic messaging to include a notification of the change in state.

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Counter with number of unread messages

70. (New) A method for providing notifications of new messages on a wireless communication device, comprising:

displaying a plurality of icons on a graphical user interface of the wireless communication device, the plurality of icons including an icon relating to electronic messaging; receiving a plurality of electronic messages on the wireless communication device; and in response to receiving the plurality of electronic messages, visually modifying the displayed icon relating to electronic messaging to include a count of the electronic messages received.

71. (New) The method of claim 70, comprising visually modifying the displayed icon relating to electronic messaging to include an identifier of the correspondent from who at least one of the plurality of messages was received.

72. (New) The method of claim 70, comprising visually modifying the displayed icon relating to electronic message to include at least one preview of a content of at least one of the received electronic messages.